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FCC to Drop Morse Testing for All Amateur License Classes

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In an historic move, the FCC has acted to drop the Morse code requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes. The Commission today adopted a Report and Order (R&O) in WT Docket 05-235. In a break from typical practice, the FCC only issued a public notice at or about the close of business and not the actual Report and Order, so some details -- including the effective date of the R&O -- remain uncertain. The public notice is located at, http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-269012A1.pdf.

Also today, the FCC also adopted an Order on Reconsideration, in WT Docket 04-140 -- the "omnibus" proceeding -- agreeing to modify the Amateur Radio rules in response to an ARRL request to accommodate automatically controlled narrowband digital stations on 80 meters in the wake of rule changes that became effective today at 12:01 AM Eastern Time. The Commission said it will carve out the 3585 to 3600 kHz frequency segment for such operations. Prior to the long-awaited action on the Morse code issue, Amateur Radio applicants for General and higher class licenses had to pass a 5 WPM Morse code test to operate on HF. The Commission said today's R&O eliminates that requirement for General and Amateur Extra applicants.

"This change eliminates an unnecessary regulatory burden that may discourage current Amateur Radio operators from advancing their skills and participating more fully in the benefits of Amateur Radio," the FCC said. The ARRL had asked the FCC to retain the 5 WPM for Amateur Extra class applicants only. The FCC proposed earlier to drop the requirement across the board, however, and it held to that decision in today's R&O.

Perhaps more important, the FCC's action in WT Docket 05-235 appears to put all Technician licensees on an equal footing: Once the R&O goes into effect, holders of Technician class licenses will have equivalent HF privileges, whether or not they've passed the 5 WPM Element 1 Morse examination. The FCC said the R&O in the Morse code docket would eliminate a disparity in the operating privileges for the Technician and Technician Plus class licensees. Technician licensees without Element 1 credit (ie, Tech Plus

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Check us out on the web at http://www.bsss.org

Codeless Amateur Radio testing tentatively begins February 23

ARLB004 January 19, 2007

The ARRL has learned that the FCC's Report and Order (R&O) in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235, http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-178A1.pdf, is scheduled to appear in the Federal Register Wednesday, January 24. Assuming that occurs, the new Part 97 rules deleting any Morse code examination requirement for Amateur Radio license applicants would go into effect Friday, February 23, 2007. The League cautions that this date is tentative, pending official confirmation and publication.

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Wisconsin QSO Party
March 11, 2007

http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm

The detailed rules and entry forms were not available at the time of preparing February BSSS. Lynn informs me that they should be on their web site www.warac.org around the first of February. This is one of the premier state QSO parties in the nation with many participants, both mobile and fixed, voice and CW . I have always enjoyed participating whether fixed or mobile in the past.

73 es cu on the bands de k9en

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Swapfests
And Other Social Events

March 11, 2007 - Wisconsin QSO Party: http://www.warac.org/

March 11, 2007. Sterling Rock Falls ARS. Challand Middle School, 1700 16th Avenue, Sterling, IL Talk-In: 146.85 (PL 114.8). Contact: Jack E. Stout, KR9Q, 1784 Mound Hill RoadSterling, IL 61081, Phone: 815-625-6185, Email: jacksradio@hotmail.com http://www.sterlinghamfest.com

March 17, 2007. 16th Annual Equipment Auction Eau Claire ARC. Grace Lutheran Church, 202 West Grand Avenue, Eau Claire, WI. http://www.ecarc.org/auction07.htm Talk-In: 146.910 (PL 110.9). Contact: Jim Staatz, KI9H, W5414 Progressive Road, Tony, WI 54563-9695. Phone: 715-532-5903. Email: KI9H@arrl.net

March 18, 2007. Tri-County ARC Hamfest 2007. Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 305 Heyer Drive, Jefferson, WI. Contact: TCARC, 213 Frederick Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538. e-mail: tricountyarc@ yahoo.com (920) 563-6381

March 24, 2007. Midwinter Madness 2007. Buffalo Civic Center, Calder Avenue, across from Airport, Buffalo, MN Robbinsdale ARC. Talk-In: 147.600/147.000. Contact: Jerry Dorf, N0FWG, PO Box 22613, Robbinsdale, MN 55422, Phone: 763-537-1722, Email: k0ltc@k0ltc.org http://www.k0ltc.org

March 30-31, 2007. AES SuperFest 2007. Amateur Electronic Supply (AES) 5710 West Goodhope Road Milwaukee, WI 53223. Friday March 30 (2:30-7:00 p.m.) and Saturday March 31 (8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) Phone: 414-375-1162. http://www.aesham.com Contact: Ray Grenier, K9KHW. Phone: 414-375-1162. Email: ray@aesham.com

April 21, 2007, Madison Area Repeater Association Swapfest, Stoughton, WI. Mandt Community Center, 400 Mandt Parkway, Stoughton, WI. Inquiries can be directed to: w9hsy@execpc.com or write to MARA, PO Box 8890, Madison, WI 53708-8890, Tele:608.245.8890 For more information see the MARA website www.qsl.net/mara.

May 5, 2007. Ozaukee Radio Club 28th annual Swapfest. Circle B Recreation Center, State Highway and Ozaukee County Highway I. Contact: Gene Szudrowitz, KB9VJP, @ (262) 337-6793 www.ozaukeeradioclub.org

June 2-3, 2007. Hamfest, Computer & Hobby Show, Bureau County Fairgrounds, US Route 6 West, Peru Street, Princeton, IL. Starved Rock Radio Club, Talk-In: 146.955 (-600kHz) repeater (PL 103.5). Contact: Tom Chromzack, KC9EGB, PO Box 101, Tiskilwa, IL 61368, Phone: 815-646-4488, Fax: 815-646-4362, Email: w9mkshamfest@yahoo.com. http://www.qsl.net/w9mks/hamfest.htm

June 10, 2007. 50th Annual Hamfest. DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL Six Meter Club of Chicago. Talk-In: 146.370/146.970 (PL 107.2). Contact: Joseph Gutwein, WA9RIJ, 6675 South Cass Avenue, Westmont, IL 60559-3290, Phone: 708-442-4961 (24-hr infoline). Email: wa9rij@arrl.net http://www.qsl.net/k9ona

July 7, 2007, South Milwaukee ARC Swapfest, American Legion Post 434, 9327 South Shepard Ave., Oak Creek, WI. e-mail ryatex@aol.com. Phone (414) 762-3235.

July 15, 2007 Aurora Central Catholic High School. 1255 Edgelawn Avenue, Aurora, IL Fox River Radio League, Talk-In: 147.210 MHz (PL 103.5 Hz). Contact: Dean Holste, KC9EOQ, 805 Laurel Drive Aurora, IL 60506, Phone: 630-966-8521 Fax: 630-879-0000. Email: hamfest@frrl.org http://www.frrl.org

August 11, 2007 Annual Swapfest, Eagle's Alps, 3737 North 5th Street, Quincy, IL Western Illinois ARC, http://www.w9awe.org/ Talk-In: 147.030 +600 (PL 103.5 Hz). Contact: James Funk, N9JF, 2742 North 230th Avenue, Liberty, IL 62347, Phone: 217-336-4191. Email: n9jf@arrl.net

August 25-26 2007. Radio Expo 2007, Lake County Fairgrounds, US Route 45 & IL Route 120, Grayslake, IL. Chicago FM Club. Talk-In: 146.760 (PL 107.2). Contact: Michael Brost, WA9FTS, 5127 North Monterey Avenue. Norridge, IL 60706, Phone: 708-457-0966, Fax: 708-457-0966. Email: mbrost@cin.net http://www.chicagofmclub.org

September 8, 2007. ORC Outdoor Swapfest. Circle B Recreation Center, State Highway and Ozaukee County Highway I. Contact: Gene Szudrowitz, KB9VJP, @ (262) 337-6793. Admission is $5.00 at the gate. No tables to rent. Sell from the back of your vehicle. For current information go to: www.ozaukeeradioclub.org

September 14-15, 2007. W9DXCC CONVENTION, Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village, IL. Northern Illinois DX Association. Talk-In: 147.36. Contact: Bill Smith, W9VA, 1345 Linden Avenue, Deerfield, IL 60015, Phone: 847-945-1564, Fax: 847-945-6554. Email: w9va@aol.com http://www.w9dxcc.com

September 15-16, 2007. Peoria Superfest 2007, Exposition Gardens, 1601 West Northmoor Road, Peoria, IL. Peoria Area ARC, Talk-In: 147.075+ (PL 103.5). Contact: John Coker, N9FAM, 133 Vonachen Court, East Peoria, IL 61611-1578, Phone: 309-369-7428. Email: n9fam@insightbb.com http://www.peoriasuperfest.com

Further information about hamfests in the area can be found at bsss.org or at http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html If your organization is sponsoring a Hamfest/Swapfest and would like us to list your event, please send the information to Ken Ebneter, K9EN at the address on page 2 or to k9en@arrl.net

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CLUB MEETINGS

Appleton
FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Third Mondays, 7:00PM., Goodwill Community Center, 1800 S. Appleton Road, Menasha, WI. Information: Brian Long KB9LRD fcarc@w9zl.org Website: http://www.fcarc.us

Baraboo
BADGERLAND AMATEUR TELEVISION SOCIETY (BATS) Check BATS Web page: http://www.shopstop.net/BATS/

Baraboo
YELLOW THUNDER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: See the YTARC column elsewhere in this issue for meeting times and locations. For further information: http://www.qsl.net/ytarc.

Dubuque, IA
GREAT RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Red Cross Center, 2400 Asbury Road. The club serves the tri-state area. On the Web: http://www.qsl.net/wb0lob/. Information or questions to: N0hdc@aol.com.

Eau Claire
EAU CLAIRE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: 2nd Tuesday - 7 p.m., Eau Claire Parks & Recreation, 1300 First Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54703. All hams and guests welcome. W9EAU repeater 146.91 MHz, tone 110.9 Hz. Information: Jim Staatz, KG9RA, President, P.O. Box 1867, Eau Claire, WI 54702-1867. Phone (715) 838-9108, Email kg9ra@ecarc.org. Web page: http://www.ecarc.org

Fond du Lac
FOND DU LAC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Second Monday at Moraine Park Technical College, Fond du Lac, WI. Time: 7 p.m. Sunday net: 7:30 p.m. CDT, K9IA repeater, 145.430 - PL 107.2 Information: Jack Heil, KG9IN, 920.922.1413. Email: kg9in@fdlhams.org Web: http://www.fdlhams.org.

Fort Atkinson
TRI-COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB second Thursday monthly except June to August, 7 p.m., at Dwight Foster Public Library in Fort Atkinson. ARES Net each Wednesday evening at 8 and club net Monday evenings at 8 on 145.49 repeater. Contact: Paul Marowsky, KD9PM, 920-674-4968., or John Satterlee, WA9SAB, 920.563.6381.

Grafton
Ozaukee Radio Club (ORC) Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Grafton Multipurpose Senior Center, 1665 7th. Ave., Grafton, Wisconsin www.qsl.net/orc/.

Green Bay
GREEN BAY MIKE AND KEY CLUB Meetings: Second Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Media Services area of J. M. Science Building at St. Norbert College in DePere. Information: Kevin at kb9sne@yahoo.com.

Green Lake
GREEN FOX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Greater Green Lake County area. Meetings: Third Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Green Lake Town Hall, intersection of County Highways K and N.

Houghton, MI area:
The CCRAA is the "Copper Country Radio Amateur Association" and they hold meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Dollar Bay Fire Hall. Summer meetings (June, July, August, and September) are held at the CCRAA Clubhouse in Osceola (2 mi. S. of Calumet, MI)

Hudson
St. CROIX VALLEY RADIO AMATEURS. Meetings: Third Monday of every month. Time: 7:00 pm Business meeting followed by a program., St. Croix County Emergency Government Center, Carmichael Road, Hudson. Short business meeting at 7:30 p.m. followed by program. Talkin: 145.13 MHz. All are welcome!

Juneau
ROCK RIVER RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI. ARES Nets: 146.64 (-600) Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Saturdays, 7278 KHZ, Alternate in 3.947 at 10:00 AM. & Wednesday, 1908 KHZ 8:00 PM, Wintertime.

La Crosse
Riverland Amateur Radio Club Meeting: First Tuesday, American Red Cross, 2927 Losey Blvd. S. La Crosse, WI Meeting at 7:00p.m. More information: http// www.qsl.net/wr9arc E-mail wr9arc@qsl.net

Madison
SPACE PLACE AMATEUR RADIO CENTER No meetings. Located on U.W.-Madison campus. Guest operators are welcome to operate the U.W. Space Place Amateur Radio Station, N9UW. Information: Don Michalski, W9IXG, President, (608) 263-4685. Email: n9uw@sal.wisc.edu.

Madison
BADGER AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY University of Wisconsin - Madison/W9YT Meetings: Third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in UW Union South. Room number posted on the Today in The Union board. Information: Don Michalski, W9IXG, (608) 263-4685. Email: w9ixg@arrl.org. Web: http://www.qsl.net/w9yt.

Madison
Madison DX Club, meetings are on every fourth Tuesday of each month; see http://madisondxclub for more details.

Madison
FOUR LAKES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Third Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Red Cross Building, 4860 Sheboygan Avenue, Room C, downstairs. First building west of Hill Farms State Office Building.

Manitowoc
MANITOWOC COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS (ManCoRad) Second Wednesday of each month. Club board meets at 6:30 p.m., and Regular meeting is at 7:30 p.m., at 1105 Fleetwood Drive, 2nd floor (Old County Shop building on northwest side of city.) For Additional information please see our club website www.w9dk.com or contact Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF, (920) 682-9312. Email: fredandpat@lakefield.net

Marinette WI
Menominee MI
Amateur Radio Club Meetings held second Thursday 7:00PM each month BAMC Tenth Avenue Menominee Michigan in the basement. Guests welcome e-mail secretary kg9ad@arrl.net

Medford
Black River Amateur Radio Association Meetings: Normally the first Thursday of each month. Usual meeting time is 7 PM. Most meetings are held at the Taylor County Courthouse. Directions: Those attending should park in the main courthouse parking lot on the east side of the building, and enter using the main courthouse entrance or the sheriff's dept. entrance. Proceed to the lower level of the courthouse using the stairs or elevator. We meet in the "break room" on the lower level, near the Emergency Government office. Talk-in on the 147.15 repeater (114.8 Hz PL, +600 kHz offset) and 146.52 MHz simplex. Contact: Mike Schoenfuss, N9GHZ, P.O. Box 401, Abbotsford, WI 54405. Phone: (715) 223-3996.

Menomonee Falls
FALLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. Meetings: Last Wednesdays at Bank One building in Germantown. Doors open 7 p.m. Meeting time: 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome!

Menomonie WI
Saturday coffee at Burger King, 544 Main Street, at 9 a.m. Social hour on 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot, 2616 Hills Court, north of Wal-Mart on highway 25 North, in January, March, April, and September through November. Guests welcome!

Milwaukee
GREATER MILWAUKEE DX ASSOCIATION Meetings: Fourth Monday of month, 7:30 p.m. Contact any GMDXA member, or Gary Schwartz, K9GS, (262) 363-4439. Email: garyk9gs@arrl.net.

Milwaukee
MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB Meetings: Last Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. Redemption Lutheran Church, 4057 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI. Mailing address: P.O. Box 070695, Milwaukee, WI 53207. Web: http://www.qsl.net/mrac . Email: w9rh@arrl.net.

Northeast Area
NORTHEAST WISCONSIN DX ASSOCIATION Meetings quarterly: April 28, Marinette; August 25, Fox Valley; November 10, Green Bay. For specific information about meetings, check http://home.new.rr.com/newdxa/. Contact us at w9dxa@arrl.net.

Oak Creek
SOUTH MILWAUKEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Wednesdays, Legion Post #434, Shepard Ave., Oak Creek, WI. In March and October the meetings are turned into Auction Nights.. The club WEB site is ww.qsl.net/wa9txe

Onalaska (see La Crosse)

QCWA Chapter 162
QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION (QCWA) Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter 162. Meetings: Third Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November, 7:30 p.m., usually at Meadows Restaurant, Franksville, WI. Social events: Third Sundays in February, April, June, August, and October. Christmas party: Usually second or third Sunday in December.

QCWA Chapter 55
QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION (QCWA) Wisconsin Chapter 55 meets the first Saturday of June and October. For information about Chapter 55, contact Ron Yokes, W9BCK, Secretary, 612 N. Pt Washington Road, Grafton, WI 53024-9703. (262) 375-1774. mailto:rryokes@execpc.com.

Racine
LAKESHORE REPEATER ASSOCIATION Meetings: Last Tuesday, January, April, July, October. American Red Cross Building, 4521 Taylor Ave., Racine, WI.

Racine
RACINE MEGACYCLE CLUB Meetings: Second Mondays, 7:30 p.m., American Red Cross Building, 4521 Taylor Ave., Racine, WI.

Rhinelander
NORTHWOODS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Third Tuesday of Sept., Nov., Dec., Feb., and April for dinner business meetings at Ella's Restaurant, Jct. of Hwy. 51 and 70, north side of Woodruff, WI. Talkin on Sayner or Tomahawk repeaters. The Northwoods ARC News is on the club web site. http://www.freeyellow.com/members7/nwarc.

Sheboygan
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Second Tuesdays. 7 p.m., Sheboygan County Red Cross/Boy Scout Building, 2032 Erie Avenue.

Shell Lake
Northland ARC meetings are held the first Saturday of each month after breakfast. Location: Schmitz's Economart Deli. Located on US Hwy.63 on the south end of Spooner. The meeting will start at approx. 8:00 AM. Breakfast usually starts by 7:30 AM. Come and see what we're about. Anyone, even if you're licensed or not and has an interest in ham radio is welcome to attend! Next Meeting: Sept 4th, 2004 at 8:00 AM. So Please plan to attend!!!!! http://home.centurytel.net/NorthlandARC/.

Stevens Point
CWRA Ltd./UWSP ARC Meetings second Wednesday. of each month at 7:30 pm. Science Building on the UW-Stevens Point Campus, Room A107, Stevens Point, WI. Email:

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Net	WNA	Freq.	UTC	LOCAL	Manager
BWN	YES	3985	1200	0600	W9IXG
BEN	YES	3985	1800	1200	KE9VU
WSBN	YES	3985	2315	1715	K9FHI
WNN	YES	3555	0000	1800	KB9ROB
WSSN	YES	3555	0030	1830	N9JIY
WIN/E	YES	3555	0100	1900	WB9ICH
WIN/L	YES	3555	0400	2200	W9UW
RCRA	NO	01/61	2330	1930	KA9OMC
	(Mondays CDT— Menomonie Area)				
Green Bay Area	NO	72/12	03245	2145	WB9NRK
ARES	NO	4.65/5.25	0300	2100	
	(South East/South Central Wisconsin)				
ARES/RACES (WRACES)	NO	3997.5	0000	1800	N9VAO
	(Sundays)				

Wisconsin Section STM Report

October 2006

FAQ #62 – Can you tell us again about net cooperation? Yes, like a good FM signal, it bears repeating. If you haven't read it on the Wisconsin page of the ARRL website, here it is in print.

Net Cooperation ~ On Doing the Right Thing

The net should have started four minutes ago. There are stations on frequency, waiting to list or receive traffic. The net control is missing. You call up the net and either turn it over to the regular NCS when he shows, or simply run the show yourself. If you don't, the National Traffic System isn't much of a system.

The skip is much too long. The net members aren't hearing each other. The traffic can't even be efficiently relayed. No relay stations in Hong Kong are on frequency. As NCS, you announce a new frequency and move the whole net to a better band. If you don't, the net can't function.

Tonight you are NCS, but there's a QSO going on net frequency and it's time to call up the net. You know you could ask for the frequency or just turn on your amplifier, but what impression would that give of your net operation? Politely, you move up the band a few KHz and start the proceedings.

There's traffic listed for Podunk Hollow, which you can handle via a local two-meter repeater. You volunteer. If you don't pick it up, it will be listed a few times and be serviced to the originating station without delivery.

It's time to send a message, so you prepare it in ARRL format, including the check. This way, the receiving station can be more certain that the text is right - and it serves as a good example to others listening. Counting isn't all that hard and the famous pink card (FSD-218) has all you need for the details of the format. If you don't, there's danger of error and a missed opportunity for some easy training.

You are busily passing traffic, when the receiving station asks you to speed up (QRQ) or slow down (QRS). You value the other operator's time, so you comply. If you don't, it may mean more fills or repeats or a lesser chance that the receiver will want to take traffic from you again.

It's another one of those generic messages from someone who doesn't really know the addressee. Instead of complaining about it, you take and deliver the traffic, meet a nice person on the phone, and make a note to originate some not-so-generic traffic yourself to keep the NTS in tune. Without traffic, it will fade.

Someone has traffic for Ninth Region Net and no regular rep has checked in to the net. You graciously volunteer to take the traffic from our section net to the next level. If you don't, the system breaks down.

You remember it's a hobby. You try to keep nets and all of your Ham activity in perspective. You know the nets need your participation, and so does your family. You choose to keep a balance. If you don't, something suffers.

You see, when you eliminate the choices with less positive results, only the right thing is, er, left.

73 -- K9LGU/STM

Check us out on the web at http://www.bsss.org

December 2006

FAQ #63 – I think I know what I need for sending a good radiogram but can you remind me what I *don't* need?

Great question! Just as a good sculptor simply removes all the parts that aren't his artwork, so a good traffic handler doesn't include anything that could distract from, delay, or distort a good message.

In the preamble, you don't need to identify the parts. While it's customary to say "number" before the message number, the sender doesn't have to label the precedence, station of origin, check, place of origin, time, or date. The receiving operator should know the sequence.

Under difficult conditions, with confusing words or names, the sender may spell them out – often using the proper phonetics. When conditions are good and there's no need for spelling or phonetics, it could waste time.

In the address, while it may be helpful to spell difficult family names, street names or words, it isn't necessary to identify the zip code or phone number.

While it is correct to say, "Break" before and after the text, the sender doesn't need to *say* it's the text. Of course it is. "Break and the text. . ." has three unnecessary words.

A text should be clear and be composed in as few words as possible. Within the text, an ARRL Numbered Radiogram does not need an x-ray after it. As the text is said, the operator's editorial comments are left out.

After the text, and the other "break," comes the signature. We know it's coming. It doesn't have to be announced as the signature.

The receiving station only needs to respond with a "Roger." He or she may include the message number with that roger – but, if the number doesn't need confirmation, why mention it?

When it comes to traffic, we're all about efficiency. Enough said.
73 – K9LGU/STM

WISCONSIN SECTION STATION ACTIVITY

WISCONSIN SECTION
2006 year summary

NET	QNI	QTC	NM
BWN	23479	31996	W9IXG
BEN	6571	547	KE9VU
WSBN	8716	887	K9FHI
WNN	1920	181	KB9ROB
WSSN	1845	240	N9JIY
WIN/E	1664	298	WB9ICH
WIN/L	1621	387	W9UW
WRACES	1150	34	N9VAO
TOTALS		46966	34570

4-year comparison:

	2003	2004	2005	2006
QNI	42010	43083	41259	46966
QTC	23597	25966	28211	34570
SSNS	2548	2463	2414	2480

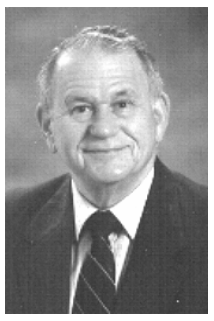
MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY
November 2006

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SSNS	NM
BWN	2017	2671	4690	30	W9IXG
BEN	564	56	1098	30	KE9VU
WSBN	749	57	1112	30	K9FHI
WNN	216	17	330	27	KB9ROB
WSSN	175	24	307	29	N9JIY
WIN/E	135	19	223	27	WB9ICH
WIN/L	116	24	234	29	W9UW
WRACES	70	0	184	4	N9VAO
TOTALS		4042	2868	8179	206

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The Computer Corner

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No. 134. Cookies Revisited

I wrote about cookies over seven years ago (#68, Cookies, Jul 99), and it is time to revisit the subject. In that article I mentioned that cookies are small text-only files, downloaded to your hard drive by a web site you visit (or even a web site you do not visit), and that they may persist there, taking space like any other file, for hours, days, weeks, months or years. Why might they persist? Even though the expiration date for a cookie has passed (they all have such a date), no one comes back to erase them. The purveyors of web pages that you visit are not interested in cleaning house on your machine. Just adding cookies.

Cookies are actually a form of spyware. They are generally placed on your hard drive without your knowledge and informed consent. And they return information to the site that put them on your hard drive without your knowledge and informed consent.

Cookies do have some positive value for you. They can store your preferences, so that when you log on to PartsForLess.com, their server can read the cookie it placed on your machine when you last visited their site, and it therefore knows you are interested in DVD-ROM drives, so it takes you right to that section on its site. When you log onto LatestNews.com, their server reads the cookie it set last time you visited, and it knows you are interested in sports rather than international news, so it takes you to the latest football scores. Without cookies, each time you visit a site would be a first-time occurrence, as far as that website is concerned. So, cookies can personalize your surfing experience.

On the other hand, to take one more step past the positive value for you. DoubleClick.com may set a cookie that collects demographic information (age, zip code, shopping preference or any other information you share on the web), which it can then sell to advertisers. It can and will do this without your knowledge and informed consent. Moreover, you do not even have to log into DoubleClick.com for this to happen. Many sites on the web do not keep their ads or web pages themselves. Rather, they subscribe to a service that places those ads and web pages for them. When your browser requests the page from the site you are visiting, a request is made to the remote service to furnish you with the graphics for that web page. A cookie can easily be sent along with the graphics. Of course, this is done without your knowledge and informed consent.

Some people don't care about cookies. They reason that it doesn't really matter to them. Some do care (I do). So, how then do you control cookies if you care? It is not difficult.

In ***Internet Explorer 6***, click **Tools**, **Internet Options**, **General**, and press the **Delete Cookies** button. Before you do this, exit IE if you have been surfing, and restart it. Why? Cookies are held in memory until you close the browser, whereupon they are then written to your hard disk. Open the browser afresh and then do the above to wipe any past cookies.

Now, how about controlling them in the first place? Again, go to **Tools**, **Internet Options** and then click the ***Privacy*** tab. Check the **Override Automatic Cookie Handling** so that you have control, not IE. Click the **Accept First Party Cookies** box if you do wish to accept them from the site you are visiting (I recommend this for a reasonable browsing experience). Click the **Block Third Party Cookies** box to prevent sites other than the site you are visiting from depositing unwanted cookies (this is my setting). I also select the **Always Allow Session Cookies** box. Session cookies are those that stay in memory while you are surfing, but are not saved to disk when you exit the browser.

If you are using ***Firefox***, click **Tools**, **Options** and **Privacy**. Check the **Accept Cookies from Sites** box, but also select **Keep until: I Close Firefox**. That means no cookies will be saved on your hard drive when you exit the browser. While you are at it, go to **Private Data** and select the **Always clear my private data when I close Firefox**. You may need to modify this a bit. Click the **Settings** bar. There you will find a list of things considered private data: ***browsing history***, ***download history***, ***saved form information***, ***cache***, ***cookies***, ***saved passwords*** *and* ***authenticated sessions***. Each one of these except possibly one should be checked. The exception is saved passwords. If you have at some time added a password to the Password Manager (by clicking Remember this Password), and you like the convenience of not having to type the password each time you visit the site, be sure that **Saved Passwords** is unchecked in the list above. It is probably OK to let Password Manager store passwords, because it encrypts them.

Cookies are an invasion of your privacy when they are placed on your machine without your knowledge and informed consent. On the other hand, they also are a technological convenience that makes your surfing less of a hassle. So, like many things in modern life, they have positives and negatives. At least you can control them, using the suggestions above or some variation of these suggestions. You decide which cookies will be saved, and for how long. You own the computer, not the web sites you visit. So long as it is you making the decisions, and not them, things are in proper balance. Make sense?

Happy computing!

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WISCONSINSECTION MANAGER REPORT

NOVEMBER 2006

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: KB9ENO, STM: K9LGU, SGL: AD9X, OOC: KC9IS, PIC: KB9NUM, TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK, ACC: N9LVS ASM: K9UTQ, W9DGI, N9VE.

With regret, I am informing you of the passing of the following Amateurs: George Edgerton, N9UDG, 79. -- Chester "Chet" Smuhl, WD9AQO, 88. Chet was a member of ECARC.

Club Affiliation reminder. After your club has elected new officers, you need to update the club information with the ARRL. According to this site http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/club-kit/club-kit.pdf a club officer needs to do this once a year:

" Once your club is affiliated, it remains affiliated. To stay actively affiliated, you must complete and submit an Annual Report at least once a year. Your club's status will be changed to inactive should 2 years go by without our receiving an Annual Report. Your club can return to active status at any time by simply completing and submitting an Annual Report." How to submit an annual report can be found on this site:

http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/forms/fsd2/

The Ham of the Year in the Fond du Lac ARC for 2006 is N9RPU, Lloyd Vandervort. Congratulations, Lloyd!!

On December 10th, Les Peterson, W9YCV, reached a milestone - his 90th birthday! Also, as of this year he has been a member of WARAC for 30 years, so he is celebrating two milestones. Happy Birthday, Les!

With publication in the Federal Register November 15, the long-awaited changes to the amateur rules are set to take effect 30 days later, at 12:01 AM EST December 15. The so-called "Omnibus" Amateur Radio proceeding, WT Docket 04-140, includes a significant expansion of the 75-meter phone band and a variety of other changes.

New Band Plan color chart is available for download at the following site:

https://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt04-140/Hambands3_color.pdf

Your Section leaders wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season!! 73, Don W9IXG

DECEMBER 2006

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3985 0500-0715 W9IXG. BEN 3985 1200 KE9VU. WSBN 3985 1715-1800 K9FHI. WNN 3555 1800

WISCONSINSECTION MANAGER REPORT

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KB9ROB. WSSN 3555 1830 N9JIY. WIN-E 3555 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3555 2200 W9UW. (All times are Central time)

With regret, I am informing you of the following Silent Keys: -- Walter Altus Jr., AA9AW, 84. Walt was a member of the Riverland Amateur Radio Club and received the Ham Of The Year award in 1995. -- Harold Nitz, K9AWC, 97. -- Jim Waldorf, KB9AQQ, 49, of cancer. Jim was the former president of Madison Area Repeater Association.

Mark down on your calendar the AES Superfest dates-- March 30 and 31. ARRL president, Joel Harrison, K5KM, will be there to greet you and answer questions at the ARRL table! Don't forget that clubs are invited to have a free covered table and electrical hookup. It is a great opportunity to promote your club and recruit new members. Contact Ray Grenier, K9KHW, rayk9khw@aol.com office phone (414)375-1162. http://www.aesham.com/superfest.shtml

Congratulations to Steve Elliott, W9RAL, for receiving the Four Lakes ARC 2006 Ham of the Year award!! Also, Jerry Arndt, NO9U, was chosen by the Rock River Radio Club membership to be the 2006 Ham Of The Year. Well done, gentlemen!

The M&M ARC Ham Assistance Team, HAT, closed out it's first year with 49 projects accomplished! Congratulations to Pete, AB9PJ, and the entire team for making many amateurs happy! You take on these tough jobs and it is very much appreciated.

On January 31st, the M&M ARC DAR ham radio project will complete its first year, and in observance, Special Event station "K8D" will be on the air from the DAR. The special event will be observed through Friday February 2nd, from the hours of 3 to approximately 6pm on Wednesday and Friday, and from 1pm to 5pm on Thursday. I plan on being there on January 31 to support this special event. Hope to see many of the club members and little "hammers" operate the station!

We enjoyed the WARAC Hamfest and meeting many of you. It was a very nice turnout. Looking forward to the upcoming Hamfest season!

73, Don, W9IXG

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December 2006

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SSNS	NM
BWN	1956	3189	5017	31	W9IXG
BEN	611	59	1054	31	KE9VU
WSBN	659	47	934	31	K9FHI
WNN	184	14	314	25	KB9ROB
WSSN	120	16	226	25	N9JIY
WIN/E	115	23	232	28	WB9ICH
WIN/L	117	28	264	30	W9UW
WRACES	30	0	42	2	N9VAO
TOTALS		3792	3376	8083	203

STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY
November 2006

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	TOTAL	
KA9EKG		44	586	571	4	1205 – BPL
WZ9I	19	497	19	497	1032 – BPL	
KB9KEG –OCT	0	297	34	297	628 – BPL	
KB9KEG – NOV	0	151	33	151	335 – BPL*	
K9LGU	0	51	42	0	93	
W9BHL	0	15	45	0	60	
AG9G	0	6	51	0	57	
K9FHI	0	19	27	0	46	
W9KKM	0	2	34	2	38	
W9RTP	0	13	22	3	38	
KG9B	0	2	34	0	36	
KE9VU	0	28	2	0	30	
K9GU	0	0	30	0	30	
K9JPS	0	0	30	0	30	
W9UW	0	16	8	1	25	
KB9ROB	0	19	4	2	25	
KN9P	0	10	10	2	22	
W9RSX	0	1	15	0	16	
WB9ICH	0	14	2	0	16	
N9UAR	0	1	4	1	6	
K9UTQ	0	0	2	0	2	
W9PVD	0	0	1	0	1	

December 2006

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	TOTAL	
KA9EKG		40	580	570	7	1197 - BPL
KB9KEG		0	221	36	221	478 – BPL*
K9LGU	1	57	49	3	110	
AG9G	0	8	59	0	67	
K9FHI	0	21	30	0	51	
KG9B	0	7	40	0	47	
W9BHL	0	12	32	0	44	
KB9ROB	0	22	6	8	36	
W9KKM	0	0	35	0	35	
K9JPS	0	0	30	0	30	
K9VU	0	25	2	1	28	
W9UW	0	17	5	0	22	
K9GU	0	0	18	0	18	
WB9ICH	0	15	2	0	17	
W9RSX	0	1	11	0	12	
KN9P	0	6	6	0	12	
WD9FLJ	6	0	6	0	12	
K9UTQ	0	0	4	0	4	
K9GDF -OCT	0	1	0	1	2	
K9GDF	1	0	1	0	2	
W9PVD	0	0	1	0	1	

P S H R SUMMARY
November 2006

CALL	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
KB9KEG – OCT	40	40	30	275	0	10	395
KB9KEG – NOV	40	40	30	215	0	10	335
KG9B	28	36	20	65	0	0	149
K9FHI	40	40	30	5	0	10	125
K9LGU	40	40	30	10	0	0	120
AG9G	40	40	10	20	0	0	110
WZ9I	40	40	10	20	0	0	110
WD9FLJ	40	16	10	25	0	0	91
W9RTP	40	38	10	0	0	0	88

December 2006

CALL	1	2	3	4	5	6	T
KB9KEG	40	40	30	250	0	10	370
KG9B	31	40	20	10	60	0	161
AG9G	40	40	30	30	0	0	140
K9FHI	40	40	20	10	0	10	120
K9LGU	40	40	30	10	0	0	120
WD9FLJ	40	12	10	30	0	0	92
K9JPS	31	30	10	0	0	0	72
W9RSX	40	12	10	0	0	0	62

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FCC to Drop Morse Testing for All Amateur License Classes

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licensees) currently have operating privileges on all amateur frequencies above 30 MHz.

"With today's elimination of the Morse code exam requirements, the FCC concluded that the disparity between the operating privileges of Technician Class licensees and Technician Plus Class licensees should not be retained," the FCC said in its public notice. "Therefore, the FCC, in today's action, afforded Technician and Technician Plus licensees identical operating privileges."

The wholesale elimination of a Morse code requirement for all license classes ends a longstanding national and international regulatory tradition in the requirements to gain access to Amateur Radio frequencies below 30 MHz. The first no-code license in the US was the Technician ticket, instituted in 1991. The question of whether or not to drop the Morse requirement altogether has been the subject of often-heated debate over the past several years, but the handwriting has been on the wall. A number of countries, including Canada, no longer require applicants for an Amateur Radio license to pass a Morse code test to gain HF operating privileges. The list has been increasing regularly.

The FCC said today's R&O in WT Docket 05-235 comports with revisions to the international Radio Regulations resulting from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03). At that gathering, delegates agreed to authorize each country to determine whether or not to require that applicants demonstrate Morse code proficiency in order to qualify for an Amateur Radio license with privileges on frequencies below 30 MHz.

Typically, the effective date of an FCC Order is 30 days after it appears in the Federal Register. That would mean the Morse requirement and the revised 80-meter segment for automatically controlled digital stations would likely not go into effect until late January 2007.

The ARRL will provide any additional information on these important Part 97 rule revisions as it becomes available.

Codeless Amateur Radio testing tentatively begins February 23

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age current Amateur Radio operators from advancing their skills and participating more fully in the benefits of Amateur Radio," the FCC remarked in the Morse code R&O.

Publication of the R&O in the Federal Register starts a 30-day countdown for the new rules to go on the books. Rules and regulations that appear in the Federal Register constitute their official version.

Deletion of the Morse requirement is a landmark in Amateur Radio history. Until 1991, when a code examination was dropped from the requirements to obtain a Technician ticket, all prospective radio amateurs had to pass a Morse test.

On or after the effective date of the new rules, an applicant holding a valid Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for a higher license class will be able to redeem it for an upgrade. For example, a Technician licensee holding a valid CSCE for Element 3 (General) could apply at a VEC exam session, pay the application fee -- which most VECs charge -- and receive an instant upgrade. A CSCE is good only for 365 days from the date of issuance.

The new rules also mean that all Technician licensees, whether or not they've passed a Morse code examination, will gain HF privileges identical to those of current Novice and Tech Plus (or Technician with Element 1 credit) licensees without having to apply for an upgrade. Novices and Technicians with Element 1 credit have CW privileges on 80, 40, 15 meters and CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on 10 meters.

The FCC R&O includes an Order on Reconsideration in WT Docket 04-140 -- the so-called "omnibus" proceeding. It will modify the Amateur Service rules in response to ARRL's request to accommodate automatically controlled narrowband digital stations on 80 meters in the wake of other rule changes that were effective last December 15. The Commission designated 3585 to 3600 kHz for such operations, although that segment will remain available for CW, RTTY and data.

The ARRL has posted all relevant information on these important Part 97 rule revisions on its "FCC's Morse Code Report and Order WT Docket 05-235" Web page, www.arrl.org/fcc/morse/.

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FCC suspends vanity call sign processing

ARLB003 , January 12, 2007

The FCC has put new Amateur Radio vanity call sign processing on hold while it modifies the software that handles vanity applications. The suspension is a result of a rule change that went into effect December 15 to discourage the filing of multiple applications by one individual for the same call sign. The FCC is still processing vanity call sign renewal applications.

"The Commission continues to accept vanity call sign applications," says a brief announcement on the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS) Web page, http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/. "However, these applications will not be processed until software changes in accordance with the recent rule making have been fully implemented." Just when that might happen is not known.

As revised in the FCC's recent Report and Order (R&O) in WT Docket 04-140, §97.19(d)(1) stipulates that if the FCC receives more than one application requesting a vanity call sign from a single applicant on the same receipt day, it will process only the first application entered into the ULS. "Subsequent vanity call sign applications from that applicant with the same receipt date will not be accepted," the rule concludes.

The FCC says that when it resumes processing new vanity applications, it will handle pending applications "consistent with the date order in which they were received."

This suspension affects new vanity call sign applications submitted on December 18 or later. Typically, it takes 18 days from the time the FCC receives a vanity application until the call sign is issued -- or the application is denied. The FCC granted the last new Amateur Radio vanity call signs on January 4 for applications received December 15.

All vanity call sign renewal applications, including those for club stations, must be filed via the ULS. The current vanity call sign fee, payable for new applications as well as renewals, is $20.80 for the 10-year license term.

We are getting this issue ready to go to the printers and are looking forward to many upcoming activities in the next few months.

The Wisconsin QSO Party on March 11. Check the WARAC club website (http://www.warac.org) for full details and entry forms. I am looking forward to participating in another great state QSO party.

BSSS will again be at the AES SUPERFEST in Milwaukee. The will again have a great lineup of Manufacturer displays and Demos. Most of the area clubs will again be represented. There is great lineup of guest speakers including ARRL President Joel M. Harrison, W5ZM and of course Gordon West with another of his always well appreciated presentations.

We will also be attending several of the great swapfests coming up throughout our great state. If we have a table, stop by and visit. See what I have scrounged up from my garage. There are still some old boxes back in the corner that I haven't gotten to yet. There might be that gem you are looking for. I we don't have a table and you see us there, say hello.

As always we are looking for stories to put in ***BSSS***. If you have something you think would be of interest to other ***BSSS*** readers let us know.

We have had a few changes to club meeting and exam site information (listed in bold). Some of the other listing have been unchanged for several years. We would appreciate it if you would look them over and let us know if any are no longer correct so that we can delete them if they are no longer active or update them so others can find your meeting and exam sites.

Also be sure to check our web site (**bsss.org**). Dave has been working on the site appearance and we expect to have many more pages and links to help serve Badger State amateurs. Again any help will be appreciated in keeping it current and useful.

73 ken k9en



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9:00-9:45 a.m. Jack Hudson, W9MU Amateur Radio RTTY & PSK General background on Amateur Radio Digital Modes, Signals and Techniques.

10:00-10:45 a.m. Greg Lengling, W9DHI Software Control of Radios and Remote Station Operation using Ham Radio Deluxe Software by HB9DRV. Live demonstration of remote operation using the internet.

11:00-11:45 a.m. Joel M. Harrison, W5ZM (President, ARRL) Topic: TBA

12:00-12:45 p.m. Bob Heil, K9EID & Chip Margelli, K7JA – Heil Sound Ltd. Improve your Communications Power Using Heil Sound products to improve audio in modern Ham stations.

1:00-1:45 p.m. Jack Hughes, K9JAC Internet Repeater Linking (IRLP)

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CLUB MEETINGS

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Superior
ARROWHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. Meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Secondary Technical Center. The address is: 802 East Central Entrance - Duluth, MN 55811. The board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

W.A.R. WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF REPEATERS
Quarterly meetings of the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters are held at various locations around the State in March, July and November. Check the WAR web page for meeting announcements and repeater coordination info. Information: http://www.wi-repeaters.org.

Watertown
WATERTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Thursdays of month, 7 p.m., Watertown Public Library, 100 South Water Street.

Waupaca
WAUPACA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB CQ First Tue. Social gathering and Dutch treat luncheon, King's Table, King, WI, on Highway QQ, just south of Highways 10 and 54, west side of Waupaca. Gather at 11 to 11:30. Order at noon. Club business transacted. CQ Third Fri. Social gathering and Dutch treat dinner. Semi-formal, OM and XYL, at one of the better supper clubs in the area. Check: Waupaca 147.39 nets at 8 a.m. or 8:50 p.m. for month's meeting location.

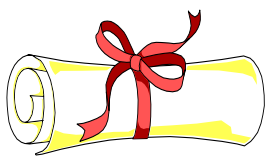
Wausau
WISCONSIN VALLEY RADIO ASSOCIATION Meetings: 7:00 pm the first Tuesday of the month except for July. The meeting location is the Marshfield Clinic, Wausau Center. Talk in is on 147.135 + PL 114.8. Website is www.wvraclub.org.

West Allis
West Allis Radio Amateur Club Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 80th and Lincoln Ave., West Allis. Meetings in basement. Entrance at rear, off alley. Handicapped accessible. www.warac.org.

West Bend
WASHINGTON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Second Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Washington County Courthouse. Net: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., 146.73 (-600).

Wisconsin Rapids
WISCONSIN RAPIDS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Third Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Room 14 of Wood County Courthouse. Talkin: 146.79 (-600) for entry into the building.

The Test Point



Amateur Radio Examination Locations and Schedules in the Area

February 03, 2007	Madison, WI
February 03, 2007	St. Paul, MN
February 08, 2007	Apple Valley, MN
February 10, 2007	Blaine, MN
February 10, 2007	La Crosse
February 11, 2007	Appleton, WI
February 14, 2007.	Tomahawk, WI
February 15, 2007	Iron River, MI
February 17, 2007	Rockford, IL
February 24, 2007.	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
March 03, 2007	Madison, WI
March 03, 2007	St. Paul, MN
March 04, 2007	Marshfield, WI
March 08,2007	Apple Valley, MN
March 10, 2007	Blaine, MN
March 10, 2007	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
March 16, 2007	Iron River, MI
March 24, 2007	Rockford, IL
March 31, 2007	Tomahawk, WI
April 07, 2007	Madison, WI
April 07, 2007	St. Paul, MN
April 12, 2007	Apple Valley, MN
April 14, 2007	Blaine, MN
April 14, 2007	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
April 19, 2007	Iron River, MI
April 21, 2007	Rockford, IL
April 28, 2007	La Crosse, WI
April 28, 2007	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
April 28, 2007	Tomahawk, WI
May, 05, 2007	Madison, WI
May, 05, 2007	St. Paul, MN
May, 10, 2007	Apple Valley, MN
May, 12, 2007	Blaine, MN
May, 12, 2007	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
May, 17, 2007	Iron River, MI
May, 19, 2007	Rockford, IL
May, 26, 2007.	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
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September 08, 2007	La Crosse, WI
November 03, 2007	La Crosse, WI
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Monthly, 3rd Sat.	Rockford, IL
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http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html
or
ftp://ftp.fcc.gov/pub/Forms/Form605.

A form by FAX is available at (202) 418-0177 (request Form 000605). The FCC Forms Distribution Center will accept orders at (800) 418-3676. Form 605 has a main form, plus a Schedule D with two parts (for Vanity and Physician's Certifications). Forms can also be obtained from the sponsoring group.

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http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml

By checking this page, you can find registered VE sessions anywhere in the US and some overseas. You can search by country, state or zip code. The listing is not specific to any particular VEC. It is a master database. Thanks to Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, ARRL/VEC.

Adams, WI
Adams City Fire Dept., 101 N. Main St., Highway 13, Adams, WI. Contact Edward J. Wagner (608) 584-4858. ab9fn@arrl.net

Appleton, WI
Fox Cities ARC (ARRL/VEC) All regular test sessions are held at the American Red Cross Building, 1302 East Wisconsin Ave. in Appleton. Testing starting at 8 a.m. No walk-ins after 9 a.m. For information, contact George R. Croy, W9MDP, 2113 Twin Willows Drive, Appleton, WI 54914. (920) 730-0967. Email: w9mdp@arrl.net.

Eau Claire, WI
Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club. Grace Lutheran Church, 202 W., Grand Ave. Enter off 2nd Avenue entrance, Eau Claire, WI
Technician, General and Extra Class exams. Walkins welcome. Examination session coordinator: Jonathan E., Case, (715) 834-1540. www.ecarc.org. w9eau@ecarc.org.

Fond du Lac, WI
Fond du Lac ARC (ARRL/VEC). Community United Methodist Church, 701 Minnesota Ave., North Fond du Lac. 9:00 a.m. Walk-ins allowed. Contact: Douglas J. Schultz, 920-922-3088, schultz74@charter.net.

Houghton MI
Sponsor: HARC/CCRAA. Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: George R Thurner home phone, (906)337-2542, cell phone (906) 369-2542 Email: W8FWG@ARRL.NET VEC: ARRL/VEC Location: Michigan Tech University-US Hwy 41. Wadsworth Residence Hall, East End of Campus, G04w (Downstairs/Turn Left), Houghton, MI 49931

Iron Mountain, MI
Sponsor: W5YI VEC. Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-Ins Allowed). Contact: Mark J Lewis, (906)774-6598. VEC: W5YI VEC. Location: Dickinson County Library, 401 South Iron Mountain St., Arrival Time: 9:00 AM. Conference Room, Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Iron River, MI.
Sponsor: Iron Range ARA (IRARC). Time: 6:30 PM (No walk-ins). Contact: Dan R Waters, (906)265-4240. Email: dmwaters@ironriver.tv VEC: W5YI VEC. Location: Iron River Lutheran Church, Across From Mc Donald's. Pre-Registration Required. If no applicants - No testing. Iron River, MI 49935

La Crosse, WI (ARRL/VEC).
Sponsor:Riverland Amateur Radio Club Location: American Red

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Cross-2927 Losey Blvd. LaCrosse, WI Time: 9:00a.m. (NO Walk-Ins) Registration IS required-Contact: Roger Reader 608-783-0723 readers@centurytel.net.

Madison, WI

The Madison Wisconsin, Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club-sponsored VE testing has moved to the new University of Wisconsin Space Place, 2300 South Park Street, lower level, Madison, WI in the Villager shopping center complex. Exams are given the first Saturday of the month, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, no appointment is necessary. Questions may be directed to Carolyn Kammen, NQ9A at 608-246-0225 (home phone) or sent to NQ9A@arrl.net.

Marshfield, WI

Sponsored by the Marshfield Area ARS. Saint Joseph's Hospital, 611 Saint Joseph Ave., Room 124, Hospice South Bldg., Marshfield, WI 54449. Contact Lee A. Olson, (715) 389-8888.

Menomonie, WI (ARRL/VEC)

Sponsored by the Dunn County Area Amateurs Location: University of Wisconsin, 121 10th Avenue, UW Stout Millennium Hall, NW Entrance, Menomonie, WI 54751. Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: James L. Guenther, (715) 232-2625. Email: guentherj@uwstrout.edu

Menominee, MI

Marinette-Menominee Amateur Radio Club. Location: The cafeteria of Bay Area Med Center, US-41 in Menominee. Building located next to KFC just off the Interstate Bridge. All classes given. Advance notice preferred, but not required. Test fee is $10 with two pieces of identification required. Contact Jeff Rymer, N9PQU at jrymer@ez-net.com or Ed Engleman, KG8CX, at dxer@cybrzn.com. We will monitor the 147.000 (107.2 pl) repeater in event further directions or info is needed.

Merrill, WI

Merrill Amateur Radio Group. 3:15 p.m. (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: Myron J. Oestreich (715) 355-6902 e-mail: kb9stb@margdx Location: Gail's Place, n4090 Cth. K, Lincoln Center Banquet Hall.

Milwaukee, WI

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club VEC holds test sessions on the last Saturday, except in March, June, August, and December. In addition, we test for one morning during the West Allis RAC Swapfest in January and at Superfest in April. All sessions except WARAC swapfest are held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 at Amateur Electronic Supply, 5710 W. Good Hope Rd., Milwaukee. Watch for signs directing you to the session room. West Allis RAC Swapfest session is held at AMF lanes across the street from the Waukesha Expo. We usually start earlier; contact VEC for more info.

Bring along your original license or CSCE (if any), and one good quality photocopy of each, plus a form of identification (driver's license is fine). Exam fee is $5.00; walk-ins are welcome. Contact: Tom Fuszard at 262-789-7975 or tom@supremecom.biz.

Negaunee, MI. Sponsor: HIAWATHA ARC. Time: 8:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: Richard E Schwenke, (906)249-3837, Email: n8gba@chartermi.net VEC: ARRL/VEC. Location: Health Dept Bldg (Downstairs), 184 US 41 E, Entrance @ Back of building. Negaunee, MI 49866

Onalaska, WI

Sponsor: Riverland ARC, Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed), Contact: Roger C. Reader, (608)783-0723. Email: readers@centurytel.net. VEC: ARRL/VEC. Location: Onalaska Public Library. 741 Oak Ave S. Onalaska, WI 54650

Oshkosh, WI (Omro)

Oshkosh VE Team Amateur Radio exams monthly on the second Saturday. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and exams will be given from 9 a.m. until noon. Omro Community Center, 130 W. Larrabee, Omro, WI. Walkins welcomed. Bring a good quality photocopy of your original license and any other necessary documents such as a CSCE, etc. The first session will be through W5YI/VEC, and then sessions will alternate between ARRL/VEC and W5YI/VEC. The exam fee is $6.65. For more information, please call Dick Lemme, K9FA, at (920) 235-0987, e-mail: lemme@vbe.com, or write Dick at 826 Jefferson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

Portage, WI

ARRL/VEC Amateur testing on Oct. 21st 2006. Testing will begin at 10:30 AM at the Portage Public Library 253 w. Edgewater St. Portage, WI. For more information contact Brian Smith, KG9OG at 608-742-4562 or Ed Wagner, AB9FN at ab9fn@yahoo.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

Racine, WI

ARRL VEC Monthly - first Saturday, except January, July, and August. Monthly exams are given 9 to 11 a.m. at the Faith United Methodist Church, 1013 Harmony Drive, Racine. Walk-ins are permitted. Talk in on 147.87/.27. Inquiries and registrations should be directed to Paul B. Smedegaard, N9RGW, 929 Lathrop Ave., Racine, WI 53405-2339. Telephone: (262) 637 4750. or e-mail to smedegaa@wi.net

Rockford, IL

Northern Illinois Volunteer Examiners (W5YI VEC) Third Saturday of every month. 9:00 a.m. to noon. No new applicants after 11:00 a.m. Walkins welcome. Held at St. Anthony Hospital, 5660 E State St., Rockford, IL. Contact: Randy Scott, W9HL, W9HL@ARRL.NET (815-877-4328).

Sheboygan, WI

Sheboygan County ARC (ARRL/VEC). Exams are held in the Red Cross Building, 2032 Erie Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. The test areas are handicap accessible with signage posted to direct candidates to the proper area of the building. Walk-ins are accepted, however notification ahead of time of your intention to appear would be appreciated. Contact: Art Pahr K9XJ, 920-876-2370. N8029 Willow Road k9xj@arrl.net Plymouth, WI 53073-2929

Tomahawk, WI

Tomahawk Repeater Association ARRL/VEC team. Last Saturday of every month January thru October. Registration at 8:30, testing at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Hospital, 401 W. Mohawk Dr., Tomahawk. Contact Diane Lodge Hamman, KA9BHK, 145.43 MHz or telephone 715 453-3908.

St. Paul, MN

Saint Paul Radio Club (SPRC) First Saturday of the month. Site: Roseville City Hall, 2660 County Road C, NW Corner County Road. C & Lexington Ave., Roseville MN 55101. Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)Contact: David M Buending, (952)486-0836, Email: AD2B@ARRL.NET, VEC: ARRL/VEC.

Washington Island, WI

Contact: John W. Van Sandt, (217) 826-8821. n9yrx@hotmail.com

Waukesha, WI (Milwaukee VEC)

Sponsor: West Allis Radio Club Swapfest, Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed. Contact: John G. Kraak, (262)548-9585. Email: jkraak@wi.rr.com. Location: AMF Waukesha Lanes, across from Waukesha EXPO, Waukesha, WI 53186

Wausau, WI.

Sponsor: WVRA. Time: 8:00 Walk-ins allowed). Contact: Gerald L. Graebel, (715) 42-9542 Email: VEC: ARRL/VEC. Location: Martech Systems, 614 N. 3rd Ave, Wausau, WI 54401. Parking in rear of building.

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club

6:00, Dinner at 7:00.

While we were discussing these topics, our treasurer appeared, and told us we really DO have money in the treasury.

New Business:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!

Waukesha Hamfest is on Saturday January 6th. They will be doing testing there also, and several members have expressed an interest in upgrading GOOD LUCK.

Wisconsin QSO Party:

Is going to be held on March 11. With the difference in the time changes this spring, the contest will run locally from 1pm to 8pm.

Repeater Controller:

Steve will send Len, N9QIP an e-mail to check on the status.

Brad mentioned that the power bill for the repeater has dropped drastically, and expressed gratitude.

Sullivan Weather has a survey out for the county representatives from all the counties they represent. They want to try out different repeaters to use for the backbone. Our very own 147.315 is one of the choices. If they decide to use it, then Sauk County ARES/RACES will use 145.310 for our Skywarn weather nets. Don, K9JYX made a motion to allow them the use if they ask. Tom, N9PQJ seconded. Passed

Don, K9JYX motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob, W9MZ seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Buck night winner was none other than RICK, N9ROY!!!! YIPPEEEEEEEE, YAHOOOOOOO!!!!!

Rick then returned the money to the treasury to help with the price increase at the fairgrounds for the Hamfest. Thanks Rick.

Respectfully submitted: Rick, N9ROY, secretary

Present:

KB9CSW, Dave - Portage
W9ULK, Gary - Oxford
N9PQJ, Tom - Reedsburg
W9MZ, Bob - Richland Center
K9JYX, Don - Baraboo
N9UDO, Steve - Baraboo
N9ROY, Rick - Wisconsin Dells
ROY's XYL, Juanita -
N9KXX, Bill - Sauk City
KB9VMC, Brad - Baraboo

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club

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Robert Loomis, KB9VSQ, Secretary
108 Scarlet Ct.., Reedsburg, WI 53959
YTARC Home Page: http://www.qsl.net/ytarc/

Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2006

Meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. by N9UDO, Steve, President.

Secretary's' report was not read due to it disappearing into Cyber-Space, and not returning.

Treasurers report : $4,843.16 in treasury.

Old Business: actually, old/new business: November Sweeps, 18th and 19th. HF contest to be held at N9UDO's house. We need operators to help for the 24 hour contest. It starts at 3:00 p.m. on the 18. It ends at 9pm on the 19. However, the stations may only operate for 24 of those hours. Setup will begin at 10am and operating will begin at 3pm. Food and beverages will be provided by Steve and XYL Karen.

teve has started a new feature on the Sunday night net on 147.315. He has started adding the program "This Week in Amateur Radio". Please let Steve know what you think about the running of this program. Drop him an e-mail with your opinions.

Rick, N9ROY brought up the possibility of our members helping the Salvation Army with the bell ringing at Wal-Mart. If you are interested, please let Rick know and he will contact them with your info.

North Freedom Packet Node:

N9UDO, and Don, K9JYX went up to the hill on Saturday, and pulled the cabinet containing the equipment. What they found was a cabinet FULL of mice, and nesting material. The mice did an excellent job of gnawing wires, and ruining other stuff from their……. nuff said. The radio was found to be dead, due to a blown fuse, and a dead battery from shorts in wiring. They took them back to the shop and cleaned out the cabinet, but we need a new radio. K9JYX motioned to develop a technical committee to check into purchasing a new radio. Dave, KB9CSW seconded the motion. Carried.

Swapfest news:

N9UDO, and Tom, N9PQJ talked about possibly donating the money needed to cover the increase in rent to hold the Swap meet at the Fairgrounds. By doing this, we would be able to keep the meet at its present location. That along with the donation of the radio by Brad, KB9VMC, we can get accurate advertising out earlier. After discussions, it was decided that N9PQJ would send out e-mails asking for donations to help out. An example would be if 10 people helped out, it would be like 10.00 each. So the more to help, the smaller amount needed from everyone.

New Business: Christmas Party will be held on January 13th at the Farm Kitchen Restaurant in Baraboo. They have a Prime Rib Buffet on Saturday nights. Drinks at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm. Please make reservations with N9UDO BEFORE the 12th.

Motion by K9JYX to adjourn, seconded by Maury, KA9TBU.

Buck night drawing was held, and N9VWI, John was the winner. As he was NOT present, next drawing will be for $3.00.

Respectfully submitted, Rick, N9ROY

Check us out on the web at http://www.bsss.org

Present at Meeting
Maurey KA9TBU Reedsburg
Dave KB9CSW Portage
Chris KC9IZG Merrimac
Brad KB9VMC Baraboo
Don K9JYX Baraboo
Steve N9UDO Baraboo
Tom N9PQJ Reedsburg
Rick N9ROY Wisconsin Dells
Bill N9KXX Sauk City

Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2006

Meeting of the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm by Steve, N9UDO. Minutes of the last meeting approved as read and published. Treasurer's report: We have money in the account.

Old Business – Packet node: We received a donation of a radio for the packet node from W4KXQ. N9UDO took it home and replaced the battery, and then took it to work, aligned and tuned radio to specs. We wish to thank Sonny, W4KXQ for the WONDERFUL donation. Brad, KB9VMC, Steve, N9UDO and Don, K9JYX all worked on the project. Thanks Guys, it is working great!

Swapfest info: Tom, N9PQJ, has not sent out the letter looking for volunteers to help offset the cost of rent increase at the Fair Grounds yet. If we can line up 10 people to help out, it would be only $10.00 each. It was decided to include a line on the dues announcement for donations to this cost. The Swapfest will have another radio to use as a door prize. This is thanks to Brad, KB9VMC. We also will have a dual-band Base antenna and 2 mobile dual-band mag-mount antennas. These are from Rick, N9ROY. Thanks Rick. We will have other prizes also, and we can now include these items in our advertising.

Christmas Party: Our Christmas Party will be held on January 13, 2007 at the Farm Kitchen Restaurant just south of Baraboo. 6pm cocktails, 7pm dinner. If you plan on attending, please contact Steve, N9UDO at 'n9udo@yellowthunder.org' and let him know how many in your party will be attending.

November Sweeps: Steve reported that the following people helped out at his home QTH for the November Sweeps Contest. Dave, KB9CSW, Maurie, KA9TBU, Joe, WB9SBD, Bill, KA9QFJ, Brad, KB9VMC, and Jim, N9LKY. Thanks to these operators as they made about 160 or so contacts. The exchange was kind of complicated this year. The exchange is the serial number of the contact, then the precedence (ours was m for multi), callsign, last 2 digits of the year call was issued and ARRL section. So an example would be: 001,M,WB9FDZ,70,WI.. Total points will be added up and reported later.

ARRL 10 meter contest: This was held on December 9 and 10 starting at noon on Saturday. If our secretary had done his job and gotten these minutes to everyone, we could have let you know about the contest.

New Business: Wisconsin QSO Party will be held on March 11th starting at noon.

We set the meeting dates for 2007. K9JYX motioned for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm, (or N9UDOs time, which ever comes first) N9PQJ seconded. Passed.

K9JYX motioned for adjournment, seconded by KB9CSW. Passed

Buck night winner was Aaron, N9JRN (for license preservation). He was not present, so at the next meeting the pot will be $4.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick, N9ROY club secretary.

Present:
KA9TBU, Maurie - Reedsburg
KB9CSW, Dave - Portage
KB9VMC, Brad - Baraboo
K9JYX, Don - Baraboo
N9UDO, Steve - Baraboo
N9PQJ, Tom - Reedsburg
N9ROY, Rick - Wisconsin Dells

Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2007

Meeting of the Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Meeting open EXACTLY at 7:30 pm by Steve, N9UDO, President. CONGRATS Steve!!!!!!

Don, K9JYX motioned to accept minutes. Tom, N9PQJ seconded. Passed

Treasurer's report tabled due to absence of treasurer, N9KXX. However, it was mentioned we are STILL solvent.

Old Business:

Swapfest August 11th, 2007. Fliers have not been printed yet. Tom, N9PQJ motioned to have the swapfest in the same building at the Fairgrounds. Don, K9JYX seconded. Passed

Steve, N9UDO said he will try to get out this week an e-mail with the information regarding the Christmas party at Farm Kitchen on January 13th. Drinks will be at

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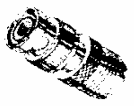
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